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SUBJ: SPAIN'S PROPOSAL FOR QUADRIpartite CONFERENCE ON THE
SAHARA

1. DURING A MEETING ON ANOTHER SUBJECT AUGUST 28, UNDER SECRETARY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS ROVIRA TOLD THE DCM THAT MOROCCO'S CONDITION ON ITS ACCEPTANCE OF THE QUADRIpartite CONFERENCE THAT LIBYA AND TUNISIA BE INCLUDED CAUSED SPAIN DIFFICULTY. SPAIN FELT THE CONFERENCE LOGICALLY SHOULD BE ONE OF THE FOUR POWERS MOST DIRECTLY CONCERNED AND SHOULD DEAL SIMPLY WITH THE PEACE AND SECURITY OF THE SAHARA. SPAIN HOPED THE CONFERENCE WOULD LEAD TO ENDORSEMENT OF THE PRINCIPLES OF PEACE AND SECURITY OF THE SAHARA AND IN THAT WAY TO SOME DEGREE HELP LIMIT VIOLENCE DURING THE REST OF THE PERIOD OF DECOLONIZATION. IF VIOLENCE WERE NOT LIMITED, SPAIN WOULD HAVE TO SPEED UP ITS WITHDRAWAL FROM THE SAHARA.

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2. ROVIRA ALSO EXPRESSED DISAPPOINTMENT WITH THE POSITIONS

OF BOTH WALDHEIM AND THE UNITED STATES. HE SAID WALDHEIM HAD DONE ABSOLUTELY NOTHING. HE SAID, IN CONFIDENCE, WALDHEIM HAD NOT EVEN RESPONDED IN MORE THAN A PRO FORMA WAY TO A REQUEST MADE TO HIM BY SPAIN WHEN HE WAS IN VIENNA THAT HE TRY TO HELP OBTAIN THE RELEASE OF SPANISH PRISONERS HELD IN ALGERIA BY THE F POLISARIO. SO FAR AS THE UNITED STATES WAS CONCERNED, SPAIN HAD THE DISTINCT FEELING THAT DESPITE THE UNITED STATES' PROTESTATIONS OF NEUTRALITY, IT IN FACT LEANED TOWARD MOROCCO. THE FAILURE OF THE UNITED STATES TO SUPPORT THE SPANISH POSITION IN THE U.N. ON A QUADRIPARTITE CONFERENCE AND A U.N. OBSERVER IN RESPONSE TO THE REQUEST HE HAD MADE AND/OR TO SPEAK MORE FIRMLY TO KING HASSAN WITH REGARD TO AVOIDING MILITARY INCIDENTS IN THE SAHARA SUPPORTED HIS VIEW, HE ARGUED. HE FURTHER ARGUED THAT THE U.S. COULD CONTROL HASSAN BECAUSE HE HAD NOWHERE ELSE TO GO FOR HELP. THE DCM EXPRESSED DOUBT ABOUT ROVIRA'S ARGUMENT AND POINTED OUT THE U.S. HAD TAKEN THE POSITION THAT THE U.N. HAD A USEFUL ROLE TO PLAY. ROVIRA MADE HIS POINT THAT WALDHEIM HAD REALLY DONE NOTHING, AND SAID HE DOUBTED HE WOULD DO ANYTHING UNLESS REALLY PUSHED BY THE U.S.

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